

Evans W. Cottman Typescripts

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Biographical:

Evans Wilkins Cottman was born in the Irvington area of Indianapolis in 1902. He was graduated from Butler University with a bachelor's and master's degree in biochemistry. After graduation he worked as a high school science teacher in Madison, Indiana. After several summer trips to the Bahamas, Mr. Cottman purchased ten acres of land on Crooked Island and decided to live there permanently. He met his wife Viola, a resident of Abaco Islands, Bahamas, in 1944 at Marsh Harbour, Abaco Islands, Bahamas.

Sometime in the late 1940s the Bahamian government made Evans Cottman an "unqualified practitioner" of medicine, since medical doctors were so scarce in the Out Islands. Cottman later received training at Nassau Hospital. After this training he moved his family to Marsh Harbour. Evans Cottman died in February 1976 and was survived by his wife and daughter.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of three autobiographical typescripts of Evans W. Cottman, two of which were later published. Cottman's "Green Cross Doctor" was published in 1963 as Out Island Doctor, and his "Early Twentieth Century Irvington" was published as Oh Little Town of Irvington in 1990.

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